



## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Beauregard	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	15.6%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	19.8%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	7.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,296	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.5%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	1.9%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	6.8	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	79.6%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	75.9%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	8.0%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	16.3%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	206.1	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	60.6	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	3*	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	260.4	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	208.9	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	72.7	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	19.6	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	3.2	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	26.4%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	25.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	70.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.2%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	72.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

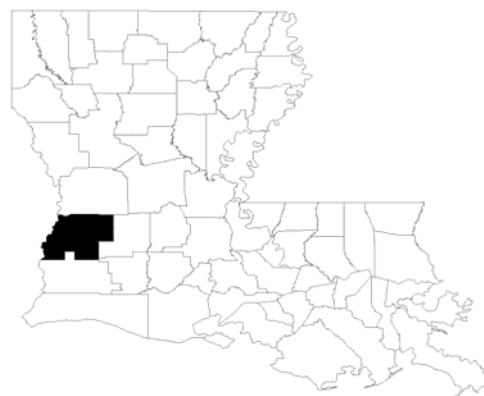
Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (\*\*Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

**History<sup>1, 2</sup>**

Beauregard Parish, named after Louisiana famous Confederate general; created out of Calcasieu Parish on January 12, 1912. Located on the Texas border, in early years, the region was largely uninhabited. Just before 1861, it was settled by Scotch-Irish descendants from the Carolinas. DeRidder was incorporated in 1903; became the government seat in 1912.



Beauregard Parish is the southern gateway to The Western Corridor. With a heritage that reflects as much of Texas as Louisiana, Beauregard Parish reminds the visitor that the Western Corridor was once disputed between the United States and Spanish Texas. There is hunting for birds and larger game and river and lake fishing. Birders find the area rich in opportunities, for half of the birds of North America are found in Southwest Louisiana. DeRidder, Hub of West Louisiana Canoe Country, is surrounded by marvelous waterways popular with canoe lovers nationwide. Chief among these are the Sabine River, Whiskey Chitto, Toro Bayou and Kisatchie Bayou.

**Parish Seat<sup>3</sup>** .....DeRidder

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

- DeRidder

**Parish Population<sup>4</sup>**

2000.....	32,986
2003 (estimate) .....	33,514
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	84.2%
African-American .....	12.9%
Some other race.....	2.8%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race) .....	1.4%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years .....	7.0%
5-14 .....	15.6%
5-17 .....	4.8%
18-19 .....	2.8%
20-24 .....	5.9%
25-64 .....	52.0%
65 & over .....	11.9%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>**

Average elevation .....	203ft.
Land area in square miles .....	1160
Water area in square miles .....	5.9

**Climate**

## Average temperatures

Annual .....	66°
January .....	58°
July .....	92°
Annual average rainfall .....	57.2 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

## Beauregard Parish

Civilian.....	12,094
Employed .....	11,221
Unemployed.....	873
Unemployment.....	7.2%

## Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities** (within one hour commute)

- McNeese State University, Lake Charles

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2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information  
<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
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4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary  
<[http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF\\_Parishes\\_2000-Present.xls](http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls)>.